

HOUSE RESOLUTION 146  
By White

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Mr. Don K. Simbeck for his outstanding contributions to education.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary citizens who have given unreservedly of themselves to enhance the development of education throughout our state; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Don Simbeck is one such exceptional person, whose achievements in education should not go unrecognized; and

WHEREAS, a teacher at Loretto High School in Lawrence County, Mr. Simbeck received the Lawrence County Soil Conservation District's Conservation Teacher of the Year Award in 1997 from the Lawrence County Conservation District; and

WHEREAS, he received this award in part by informing others how to conserve our natural resources through his implementing natural resource conservation objectives into his science curricula; and

WHEREAS, the curriculum that Mr. Simbeck created allows for students to better understand the usefulness of science by working on projects, field studies and research; and

WHEREAS, under Mr. Simbeck's able guidance, his students developed a better understanding of the practicality of science in their daily lives and an appreciation of our natural resources; and

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WHEREAS, he received his A.B. and M.A. degrees from Florence State University and his Ed.S. degree at George Peabody College; and

WHEREAS, he has over 34 years of experience as a teacher at Loretto High School where he is widely respected and admired by students and teachers alike; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Simbeck has also received the Outstanding Young Educator Award, the Distinguished Science Teacher Award, the Outstanding Biology Teacher Award and is listed in *Who's Who Among American Teachers*; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Simbeck is very active in conservation organization, contributing his time and remarkable talents as Regional Director of the National Association of Biology Teachers, the Science Section Chairperson for the Tennessee Education Association, as a past President of the Buffalo River Chapter of the Tennessee Ornithological Society, as a member of the Audubon Society, the National Geographic Society, and the Smithsonian Institute, as well as past President of the Loretto Lions Club; and

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby recognize and commend Mr. Don K. Simbeck for his meritorious service to education, salute his expertise and dedication to Loretto High School, and to the young people of Lawrence County, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.